Mr. CHICKGANGI REDDI (Bagepalli Taluk).

Mr. S. RAMAPPA represented that as a result of continued economic depression and successive unfavourable seasons, the raiyats were experiencing great difficulty even to pay kandayam. Under such circumstances, they were not able to pay anything as contribution for tank maintenance works. In some places, the arrears of contribution was much more than the land revenue demand itself. This was also due to a certain extent to the very heavy rates of contribution in respect of certain tanks. He requested that the rates be reduced and the raiyats allowed to pay their dues in easy instalments. Otherwise there was no possibility of the arrears being recovered from the raiyats.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH remarked that by allowing arrears to accumulate, the Government were only adding to the burden of the raiyats.

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau) observed that tank maintenance work had been neglected for long in many cases; that the work had to be got done by Government and recovery of the amount spent for the purpose had to be insisted upon. That was one of the reasons why the arrears had gone up. The question of giving some relief in this direction had come up for discussion at the previous District Conference held at Kolar, and on behalf of Government, it had been stated that Government would consider whether any relief could be given in cases where the arrears amounted to more than 5 years' assessment. But it was now found that to whatever extent relief was proposed to be given under that arrangement, funds would have to be provided from the Irrigation Cess Fund. There was thus some difficulty in the way of accepting this representation.

At this stage, the House rose for the day to meet again at 12 of the clock the following day.

FOURTH DAY.

Thursday, 19th October 1939.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Thursday, 19th October 1939, at 12 of the clock, *Rajamantrapravina* N. Madhava Rau (First Member of Council) in the Chair.

Before the business of the day was taken up, Mr. B. L. BYANNA represented that, according to the programme, the session was to last only six days out of which three days had already elapsed. But so far, only about 35 Representations and the General Principles of some Bills had been discussed, and there were still 190 Representations and 38 Resolutions for discussion. Many of these related to important matters. With a view to enable the members to get through as many subjects as possible, he suggested that the session be extended at least by two days. Even under the Act, the sittings could be extended up to eight days so far as the Dasara Session of the Assembly was concerned.

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU replied that the request would be considered.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*concld.*

Medical Inspection of Girl-Students.

Q.—58. Srimathi R. KALYANAMMA (Women's Interest).—

Will the Government be pleased to state whether medical inspection of girl-students is being made in the primary classes as in the case of boy-students?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA).**—

The answer is in the negative.

Srimathi R. KALYANAMMA.—Why is it that for girl-students there is no medical examination ? Do the Government think that there is no necessity for it ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—There is no question about the necessity. As the local bodies are not giving their contribution for this item of work, it has not been undertaken.

Srimathi R. KALYANAMMA.—Will the Government see that at least in future, medical inspection of girl-students is enforced in all places ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—If the local bodies agree to give their contribution, the question will be considered.

Srimathi R. KALYANAMMA.—Cannot Government themselves take the responsibility in the matter ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Not possible.

Srimathi R. KALYANAMMA.—Cannot the same doctors who examine the boys also attend to this work ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It is preferable to have lady doctors for this work. Some years ago, lady doctors were attending to this work, but as the local bodies did not give their contribution, the scheme had to be given up.

Srimathi R. KALYANAMMA.—Why not Government compel the municipal councils to contribute for this work ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I do not know if compulsion is desirable. Besides, it might become necessary to amend the Act if compulsion has to be resorted to.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Do Government get any contribution from the local bodies for the medical inspection of boys ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Does legislation make an invidious distinction as between boys and girls ?

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Does not medical inspection of school children mean medical inspection of both boys and girls ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The local bodies give the contribution only for the medical inspection of boys. If we have to enforce inspection in the case of girl-students also, the law will have to be amended. For inspection work, lady sub-assistant surgeons have to be appointed.

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Who made this distinction—Government or the Municipalities ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The municipalities.

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Why did they do it ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I cannot answer.

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Is not medical examination even more necessary in the case of the weaker sex ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—May be. But as I have already stated, lady medical officers have to be appointed for the purpose and the local bodies must share the charge.

NAWAB SHER KHAN.—Why not Government direct the municipalities to take up this important item of work ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—We shall consider the suggestion.

Mr. TIPPU SULTAN ALI KHAN.—Is the scheme of medical inspection of boys still in an experimental stage or has it become a permanent arrangement ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It is not experimental.

Mr. TIPPU SULTAN ALI KHAN.—How far has medical examination helped the boys ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I cannot give a definite answer on that point.

Mr. SYED KHAJA PEERAN.—Is any amount recovered from boys also on account of medical inspection ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Yes, at the rate of two annas per boy.

Mr. SYED KHAJA PEERAN.—Were not exemptions given even in the case of boys last year ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. SYED KHAJA PEERAN.—Why not enhance the contribution to be paid by the parents and take up medical inspection of girl students also ?

The SECOND MEMBER (Mr. K. V. Anantaraman) Government will consider the suggestion.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Is it not possible to arrange for free medical inspection of girl students ?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That question does not arise.

Mr. D. VENKATARAMANAPPA.—How does medical inspection help the boys?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The doctors find out if the children are suffering from any complaints and advise their parents to arrange for the necessary treatment.

Mr. D. VENKATARAMANAPPA.—What is the number of boys examined in the several schools and in how many cases have the boys been recommended for special treatment?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

Mr. M. SUBBAIYA.—Who pays for the medical inspection of boys?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The parents.

Mr. M. SUBBAIYA.—Why should they not be made to pay for both boys and girls?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Even then, the expenditure cannot be met entirely from that source. The local bodies should contribute something in addition.

Mr. M. SUBBAIYA.—Has it come to notice that in certain primary schools in the mofussil, particularly in Seringapatam, a fee of four annas is being levied per boy?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It is only in cities that a fee of four annas is levied. If specific cases are mentioned by the member, they will be enquired into.

Mr. M. SUBBAIYA.—Why not reduce the fee to two annas as in all other cases, or keeping the present rate of four annas, arrange for the medical inspection of girls also?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Government will consider the suggestion.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.—As the girls attending primary schools are all very young, why not entrust the medical inspection to the male doctors who are attending to the medical inspection of boys?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—The parents of children will not agree to it.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Has any request been made so far that only lady doctors should examine girl-students of even primary schools?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—There is no use discussing that point. We shall try to see that some satisfactory arrangement is made for the medical inspection of girls.

Mr. J. ASWATHANARAYANA RAO.—Instead of levying two annas from every student, why not the municipalities be asked to pay lumpsum allowances to the doctors who are entrusted with the work of medical inspection of children?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Government will consider how best this could be done.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Is it not desirable that every municipality should enforce the medical examination of all school children and make the required contribution therefor?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—There can be no two opinions about the desirability.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—In that case, will the Government issue necessary instructions to the local bodies?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Government will consult the Director of Public Instruction and see how best medical inspection of girls could be arranged for.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—When the doctors are getting allowances for the medical inspection of primary school children, what is the justification for their not examining the girl-students?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That question also will be considered.

Appointment of Persons belonging to Gangakula Community for Posts of Chief Operators and Line Inspectors in the Electrical Department.

Q.—62. Mr. A. VENKATARAMANA BOYI (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of posts of Chief Operators and Line Inspectors in the Electrical Department;

(*b*) the persons that are now employed in them and their qualifications;

(*c*) their pay and grades;

(*d*) whether there are any persons belonging to the Gangakula community among them; their names, pay and grade;

(*e*) the respective qualifications of the Gangakula employees in the department;